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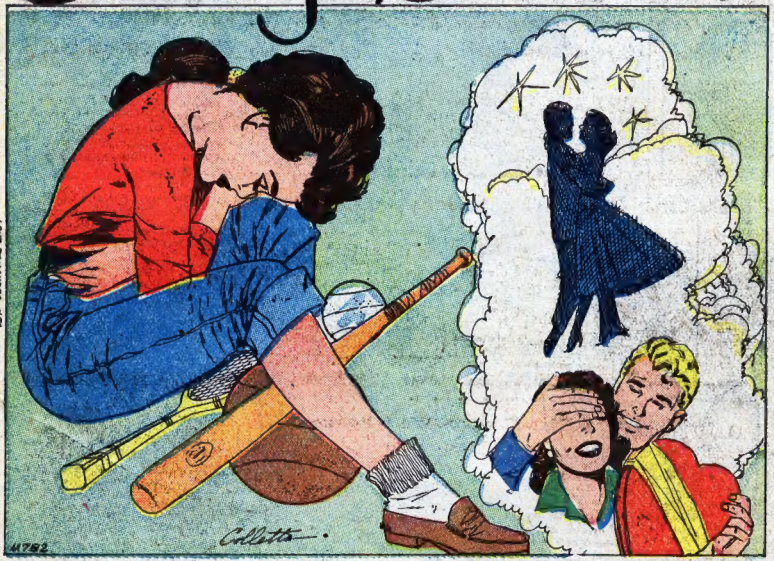
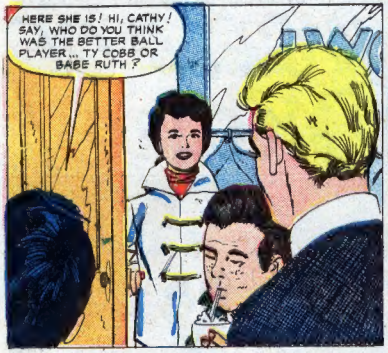
I WANTED ONLY ONE THING... TO BE POPULAR AMONG THE KIDS IN HIGH SCHOOL! AND I WAS, TOO... IN A WAY! EVERYONE KNEW ME! I WAS THE STAR GIRL ATHLETE OF STANFORD HIGH... AND THE BOYS WERE PROUD TO BE SEEN TALKING TO ME! BUT NO ONE KNEW MY SECRET! NO ONE BUT I KNEW OF...

THE LONELY WORLD OF Cathy Drake!

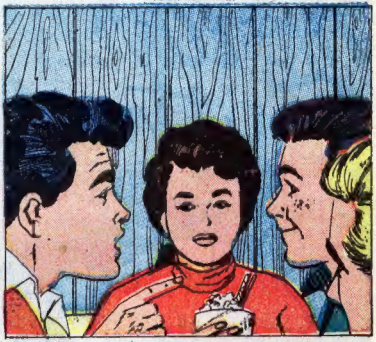


WELL, IT WAS ANOTHER GAME WON FOR ME... JUST AS IT WAS ANOTHER BASKETBALL OR SOFTBALL GAME THAT I HAD LED TO VICTORY! BUT ALL THIS WAS BEGINNING TO MEAN VERY LITTLE...

SURE THE BOYS LIKED ME! THEY ADMIRED MY ATHLETIC SKILL AND LET ME INTO THEIR BULL SESSIONS WHEN THEY TALKED ABOUT SPORTS!



THEY ASKED ME QUESTIONS LIKE THAT, ARGUED OR AGREED WITH MY ANSWERS JUST AS IF I WERE A BOY, TREATED ME LIKE ONE OF THEMSELVES! YES, I SHOULD HAVE BEEN VERY HAPPY...

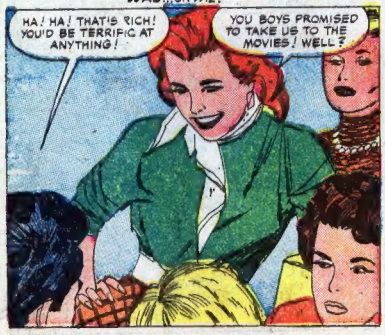


BUT I WASN'T...

HE INCLUDED ME IN THAT WORD "FELLAS"! AND THAT'S ALL I WAS... ONE OF THE GUYS... WHEN ALL I WANTED TO BE WAS WHAT I REALLY WAS... ONE OF THE GIRLS!

YOU OUGHT TO TURN PRO AFTER YOU GRADUATE, CATHY! YOU'D BE TERRIFIC AT GOLF, FOR INSTANCE!
MAYBE I WILL! I GUESS THAT'S ALL I'D BE TERRIFIC AT, TOO!

THEY LAUGHED AT THIS AS IF IT WERE A BIG JOKE... AND IT *WAS*... ON *ME!*



I WAS TERRIFIC... AT EVERYTHING EXCEPT GETTING A BOY TO THINK OF ME AS A DATE! THAT'S WHEN I ENTERED MY LONELY WORLD...

WHAT'S THE MATTER, CATHY? LEFT HIGH AND DRY AGAIN?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, TILLIE!

YOU CAN'T FOOL OLD TILLIE! I KNOW YOU'D MUCH RATHER BE A DATED GIRL THAN THE BEST ATHLETE IN THE WORLD!
PLEASE, TILLIE... DON'T REMIND ME!

THEN WHY DO YOU WASTE YOUR TIME IN THE GYM, ON THE TRACK, AND SO ON? YOU OUGHT TO SPEND ALL YOUR TIME AT YOUR DRESSING TABLE MAKING YOURSELF PRETTY!
IT'S NO USE! THE BOYS JUST THINK OF ME AS ONE OF THEM!

SURE, BECAUSE YOU MAKE THEM THINK THAT! YOU THOUGHT YOU'D BE NOTICED BY THEM, SO YOU WORKED HARD AT BEING A GOOD ATHLETE! WELL, YOU'RE NOTICED, ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT THE WAY YOU WANT! COME ON! I'LL SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

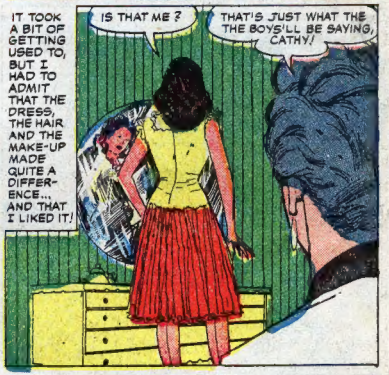
TILLIE TOOK ME INTO HER ROOM ABOVE THE SUGAR BOWL, AND SAT ME AT HER DRESSING TABLE!
FIRST OF ALL... WE'LL DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS HAIR OF YOURS! WHY DO YOU KEEP IT THIS WAY?
SO IT WON'T GET INTO MY EYES WHEN I'M RUNNING!

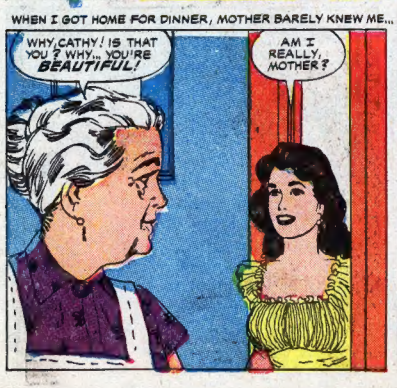
WELL, IT WON'T GET INTO A BOY'S EYES THAT WAY, EITHER! YOUR HAIR IS REALLY PRETTY ONCE YOU GIVE IT A CHANCE!

HOLD STILL! YOU'RE SEVENTEEN YEARS OLD AND IT'S TIME YOU WORE A LITTLE LIPSTICK! NOT TOO MUCH! JUST ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU A TOUCH OF GLAMOUR...
ME ? GLAMOROUS? THAT'S A LAUGH!

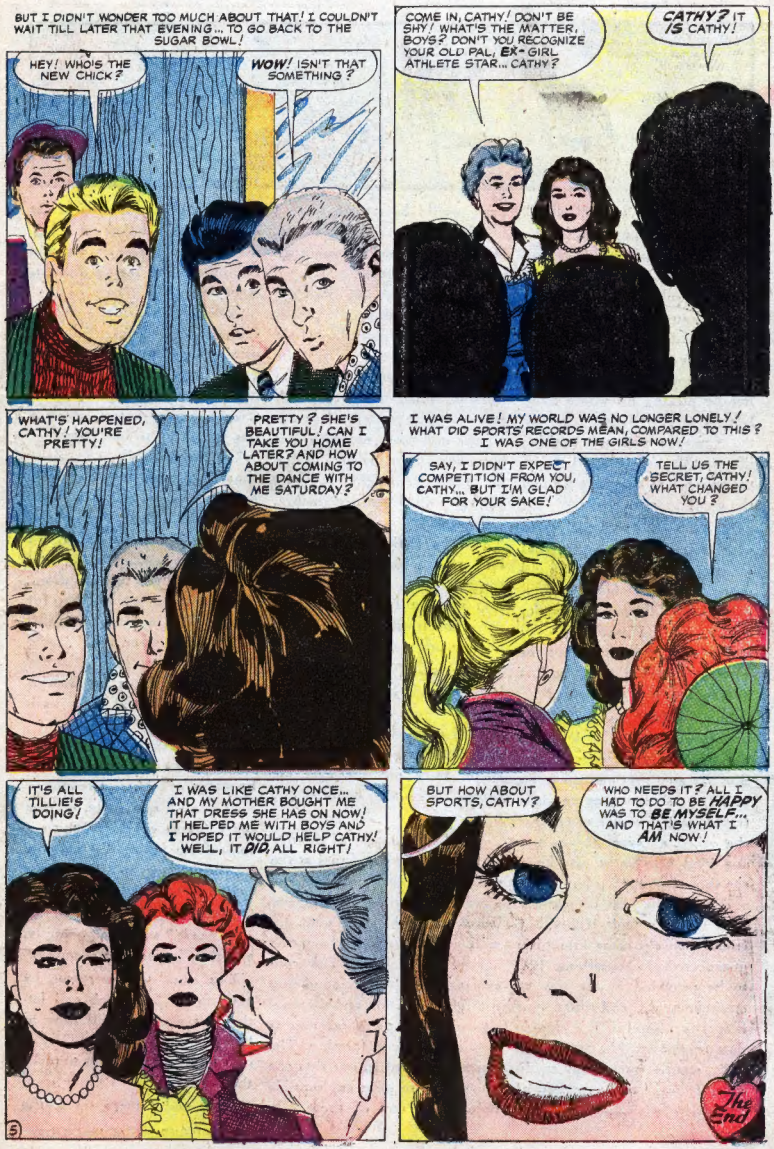
I OUGHT TO HAVE SOMETHING HERE THAT SHOULD FIT YOU! THESE STYLES ARE COMING BACK, THANK GOODNESS!

SHE PULLED OUT A DRESS THAT WAS VERY FRILLY AND PRETTY, EXCEPT THAT I FELT UNCOMFORTABLE IN IT!
GOSH, I FEEL LIKE AN OAF!
WELL, YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE ONE! YOU LOOK LIKE A GIRL... A VERY PRETTY GIRL! IT'S YOURS, CATHY! GOOD LUCK WITH IT, DEAR!


IT TOOK A BIT OF GETTING USED TO, BUT I HAD TO ADMIT THAT THE DRESS, THE HAIR AND THE MAKE-UP MADE QUITE A DIFFERENCE... AND THAT I LIKED IT!
IS THAT ME ?
THAT'S JUST WHAT THE THE BOYS'LL BE SAYING, CATHY!


WHEN I GOT HOME FOR DINNER, MOTHER BARELY KNEW ME...
WHY, CATHY! IS THAT YOU ? WHY... YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL!
AM I REALLY, MOTHER ?

YOU REALLY ARE, DARLING! I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR MY TOMBOY DAUGHTER TO BLOSSOM INTO A REAL GIRL! WHAT HAPPENED ?
TILLIE AT THE SUGAR BOWL! THIS WAS HER IDEA AND HER DRESS! I WONDER WHERE SHE GOT A DRESS LIKE THIS? IT WOULDN'T FIT HER!


BUT I DIDN'T WONDER TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT! I COULDN'T WAIT TILL LATER THAT EVENING... TO GO BACK TO THE SUGAR BOWL!
HEY! WHO'S THE NEW CHICK?
WOW! ISN'T THAT SOMETHING?
COME IN, CATHY! DON'T BE SHY! WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOYS? DON'T YOU RECOGNIZE YOUR OLD PAL, EX-GIRL ATHLETE STAR... CATHY?
CATHY? IT IS CATHY!
WHAT'S HAPPENED, CATHY! YOU'RE PRETTY!
PRETTY? SHE'S BEAUTIFUL! CAN I TAKE YOU HOME LATER? AND HOW ABOUT COMING TO THE DANCE WITH ME SATURDAY?
I WAS ALIVE! MY WORLD WAS NO LONGER LONELY! WHAT DID SPORTS' RECORDS MEAN, COMPARED TO THIS? I WAS ONE OF THE GIRLS NOW!
SAY, I DIDN'T EXPECT COMPETITION FROM YOU, CATHY... BUT I'M GLAD FOR YOUR SAKE!
TELL US THE SECRET, CATHY! WHAT CHANGED YOU?
IT'S ALL TILLIE'S DOING!
I WAS LIKE CATHY ONCE... AND MY MOTHER BOUGHT ME THAT DRESS SHE HAS ON NOW! IT HELPED ME WITH BOYS AND I HOPED IT WOULD HELP CATHY! WELL, IT DID, ALL RIGHT!
BUT HOW ABOUT SPORTS, CATHY?
WHO NEEDS IT? ALL I HAD TO DO TO BE HAPPY WAS TO BE MYSELF... AND THAT'S WHAT I AM NOW!
The End
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The Blind Date

"BUT we aren't at all alike," Sally said impatiently. She was speaking to her friend Dot who sat opposite her in the noisy restaurant. It was during lunch hour and the clatter of dishes made conversation difficult. Sally was about to repeat her statement, but Dot stopped her by picking up where Sally left off.

"How can you say a thing like that?" she protested. "Furthermore, you haven't even met the guy."

"I don't have to," Sally said with emphasis. "It figures that a research chemist and little old me wouldn't have much in common. I wouldn't know what to say to him! I wouldn't even know what to talk about or where to begin. I'd just be lost all evening, that's for sure."

She stopped to catch her breath, and poked listlessly at the chicken salad before her. She was on a spot and she knew it. After all, Dot was her best friend, and it wasn't often that she asked a favor. If she was any kind of a sport, she knew she should accept the blind date and make the best of matters. Was it Dot's fault if her boy friend's cousin came into town unexpectedly? Something had to be provided in the way of entertainment, and that was how the idea for the double date originated. Naturally, she, Sally, was the most likely candidate. It was only a matter of her saying "yes" and then everything would be settled.

"How about it?" Dot pleaded. "Be a darling and say you'll do it . . . just this once . . ."

Sally squirmed, but there was no avoiding Dot's brown, pleading eyes. "I think the whole thing is absolutely silly," she began. "It's not myself I'm thinking of, I mean that. It's just . . ." She paused, there was no use going on, not with Dot becoming more mournful by the second. "All right," she said, her voice filled with resignation. "It's a date."

"I'll be back in a minute," Dot yelled, already half way across the room. "I have to call Bob and let him know. He'll get in touch with his cousin and fill him in on the details."

Sally would have liked calling Dot back, but she knew she couldn't, not anymore. She pushed away the chicken salad, and stared across the crowded room. How did she ever get caught up in such matters? she wondered.

For the remainder of the day she went about her duties at the office with little enthusiasm. There was a time, she remembered, when she once went out with a soil specialist from the agricultural college. The conversation gravitated around crop rotation, irrigation and the relative merits of dairy farming as opposed to truck farming. The horrible part of it, was that she was unable to offer any sensible opinion on any of these subjects, so she sat for most of the evening like a bump on a log, merely saying yes or no, and hoping she was saying it at the right time.

When the door chimes sounded that evening, Sally was putting the last touches of make-up to her lips. She heard her mother at the door, greeting her friends, and a second later she was calling up to her.

"Be right down," Sally shouted, tossing the facial tissue into the waste basket beneath her vanity. She gave a last glance in the mirror, approved at what she saw, and then flicking off the light hurried down.

Bob and Dot were waiting for her at the landing, and just behind them stood a tall young man.

"And you must be George, Bob's cousin," said Sally smiling.

"That's right," Bob said. "George is a research chemist," he added as a kind of reminder.

"I know," said Sally, making the supreme effort to keep the smile from fading. "It must be interesting work," and she smiled all the harder in George's direction.

"I like it," said George simply, and then lapsed into silence.

Dot came to the rescue by glancing at her watch and letting out a cry. "We'll have to hurry," she chirped. "We've only got fifteen minutes to make the dance."

Sally and George sat in the

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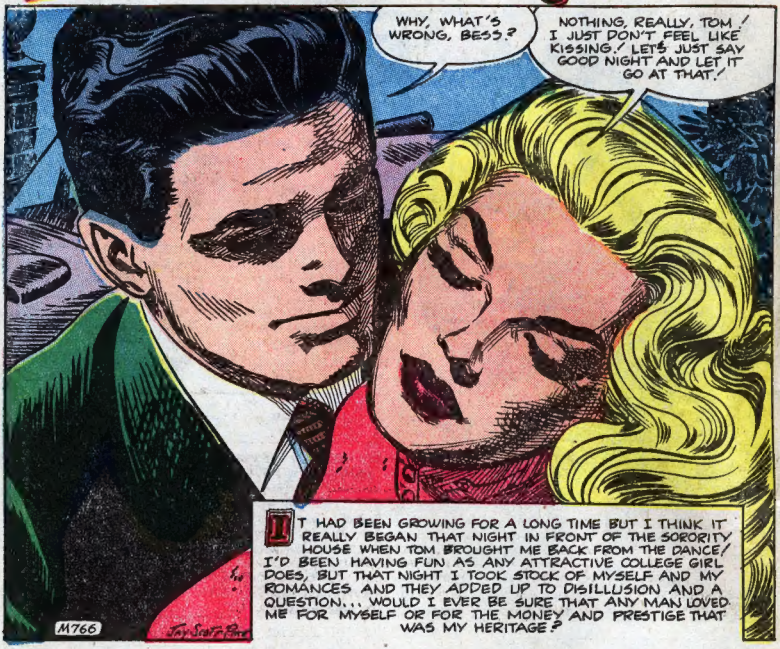
WHY, WHAT'S WRONG, BESS?
NOTHING, REALLY, TOM. I JUST DON'T FEEL LIKE KISSING. LET'S JUST SAY GOOD NIGHT AND LET IT GO AT THAT.
IT HAD BEEN GROWING FOR A LONG TIME BUT I THINK IT REALLY BEGAN THAT NIGHT IN FRONT OF THE SORORITY HOUSE WHEN TOM BROUGHT ME BACK FROM THE DANCE. I'D BEEN HAVING FUN AS ANY ATTRACTIVE COLLEGE GIRL DOES, BUT THAT NIGHT I TOOK STOCK OF MYSELF AND MY ROMANCES AND THEY ADDED UP TO DISILLUSION AND A QUESTION... WOULD I EVER BE SURE THAT ANY MAN LOVED ME FOR MYSELF OR FOR THE MONEY AND PRESTIGE THAT WAS MY HERITAGE?
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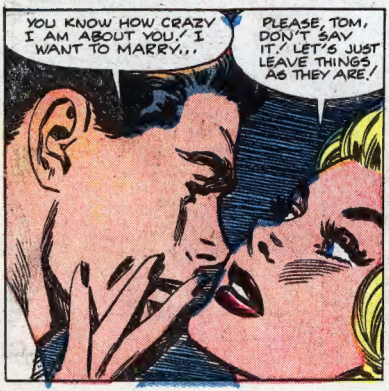
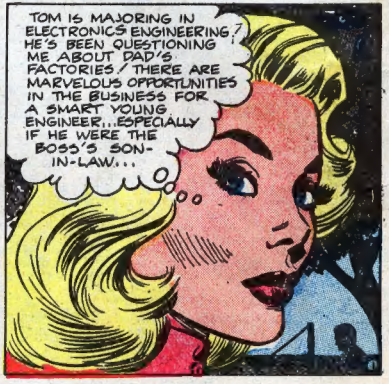
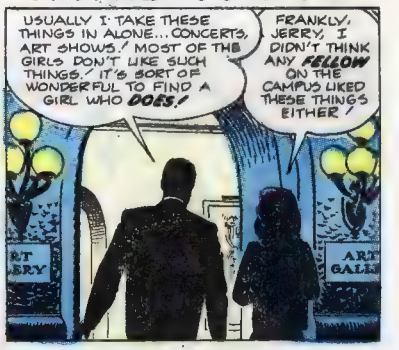



TOM IS MAJORING IN ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING. HE'S BEEN QUESTIONING ME ABOUT DAD'S FACTORIES. THERE ARE MARVELOUS OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BUSINESS FOR A SMART YOUNG ENGINEER...ESPECIALLY IF HE WERE THE BOSS'S SON-IN-LAW...

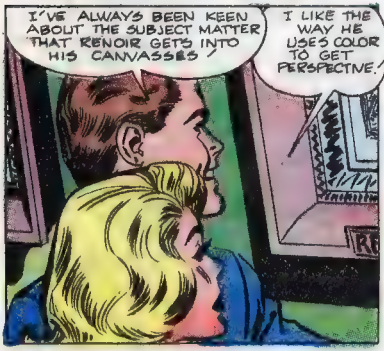
HI, BESS! GOOD DATE?
FINE!
TOM'S A LOT OF FUN! BUT HE'S A BOY WHO'S LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE!
MARIE! CUT IT OUT!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH WHAT I SAID? I DIDN'T MEAN ANYTHING...
YOU'RE JEALOUS BECAUSE BESS HAS SO MANY DATES! WHY SHOULDN'T SHE? SHE'S LOVELY AND ATTRACTIVE TO MEN!
OR IS IT HER BANKROLL THAT'S ATTRACTIVE? SHE'S BESS MEREDITH OF THE MEREDITH MILLIONS WHOSE FATHER OWNS AIRPLANE FACTORIES, OIL WELLS AND STEEL MILLS! ANY FELLOW WHO GRABBED OUR LITTLE BESS WOULD BE SET FOR LIFE!
MARIE IS JEALOUS AND RESENTS ME! BUT IT'S MOST OFTEN OUR ENEMIES FROM WHOM WE GET THE TRUTH, RATHER THAN OUR FRIENDS!
THERE WAS LANCE... HE ADMITTED HE LOVED ME FOR MY MONEY! AND ROGER, WHO SAID, "IF YOU WEREN'T SO WEALTHY, I'D STILL ROMANCE YOU! BUT TO BE FRANK, YOUR MONEY MAKES YOU THAT MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE!"
WHEN JOHN AND I KISSED, I KNOW HE LOVED ME! BUT HE WAS ATTRACTED AS MUCH TO THE POSITION HE COULD SECURE FROM DAD, AS HE WAS TO ME!

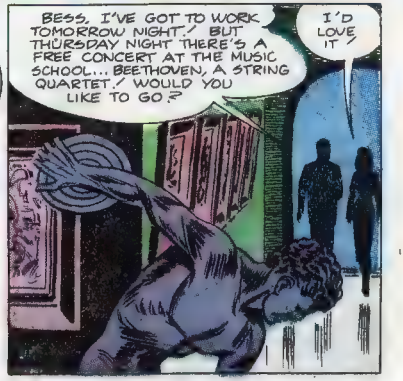
EACH ONE OF THEM, INCLUDING TOM NOW, WANTED NOT JUST ME FOR MYSELF, BUT WHAT I COULD DO FOR THEM, THE EASY FUTURE I COULD SUPPLY THEM WITH!
WHY MUST IT BE THIS WAY? WEALTH CAN BE A CURSE... BECAUSE IT WILL ALWAYS MAKE ME THINK THAT EVERY MAN WHO ROMANCES ME IS INSINCERE!
EVEN THE MORNING LIGHT DIDN'T HELP DISMISS MY GLOOM! I WAS LISTLESS AND FEELING SORRY FOR MYSELF...
BESS, YOU'LL MISS CHEMISTRY LAB!
I'M GOING TO CUT CLASSES TODAY! JUST DON'T FEEL UP TO IT!
ENGLISH LITERATURE
THAT MORNING, I FELT A NEED FOR THE QUIET THINGS THAT I'D LOVED ALL MY LIFE, GOOD MUSIC, POETRY, THE FINE THINGS...
Campus BOOK SHOP
I'D LOVE TO JUST SPEND THE DAY READING KEATS! IF ONLY I HADN'T LEFT MY COPY AT HOME... PERHAPS I CAN FIND A COPY AT THE CAMPUS BOOKSHOP!
BROWSED THRU THE BOOKSHELVES AND FOUND MANY OLD FRIENDS...
CAN I HELP YOU, MISS? OH, I SEE YOU'RE INTERESTED IN KEATS!
YES, I AM! IS THAT SO SURPRISING?
MOST OF THE GIRLS IN SCHOOL ARE MORE INTERESTED IN ROCK AND ROLL, THAN IN KEATS! I'D LIKE TO TAKE THE DAY OFF AND SPEND IT JUST READING KEATS! OF COURSE I CAN'T AFFORD TO DO THAT! I NEED THE MONEY I EARN HERE TO PAY MY WAY THRU SCHOOL!
LIKED HIS SHY SMILE, HIS DETERMINED EYES, HIS SENSITIVE MOUTH! I HAD NEVER SEEN HIM BEFORE, YET FOR SOME STRANGE REASON, I FELT WE WERE NOT STRANGERS!
I'M GOING TO DO JUST THAT... TAKE THE DAY OFF AND READ KEATS! THAT'S WHY I CAME IN HERE!
WE SEEM TO LIKE THE SAME THINGS! THERE'S A NEW EXHIBITION OF RENOIR'S AT THE GALLERY TONIGHT... IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SEEN THEM, WOULD YOU LIKE TO? WITH ME, I MEAN?

THAT EVENING I MET JERRY AT THE GALLERY! I HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO IT...


USUALLY I TAKE THESE THINGS IN ALONE... CONCERTS, ART SHOWS! MOST OF THE GIRLS DON'T LIKE SUCH THINGS! IT'S SORT OF WONDERFUL TO FIND A GIRL WHO DOES!
FRANKLY, JERRY, I DIDN'T THINK ANY FELLOW ON THE CAMPUS LIKED THESE THINGS EITHER!

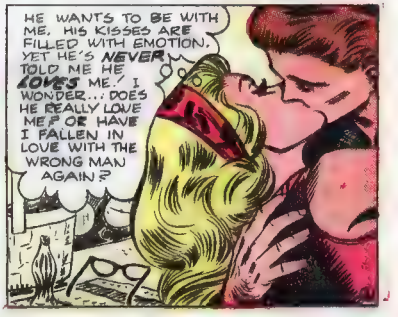
WE TALKED AND FOUND SUCH COMFORT IN EACH OTHER'S COMPANY!

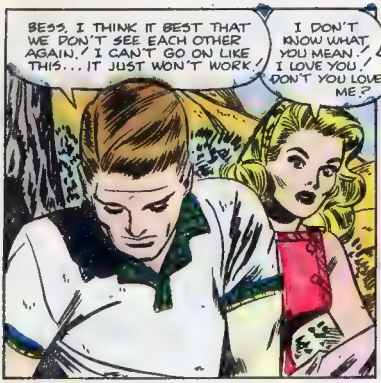

I'VE ALWAYS BEEN KEEN ABOUT THE SUBJECT MATTER THAT RENOIR GETS INTO HIS CANVASSES!
I LIKE THE WAY HE USES COLOR TO GET PERSPECTIVE!

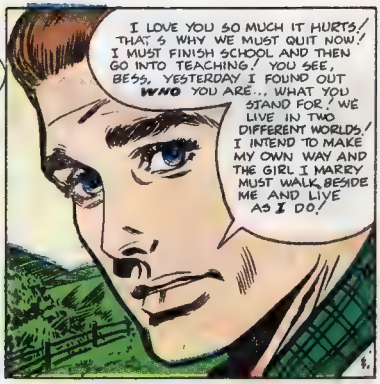

BESS, I'VE GOT TO WORK TOMORROW NIGHT! BUT THURSDAY NIGHT THERE'S A FREE CONCERT AT THE MUSIC SCHOOL... BEETHOVEN, A STRING QUARTET! WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO?
I'D LOVE IT!

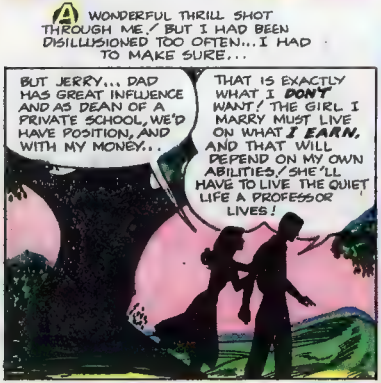
THE ONLY RECREATION I CAN HAVE IS FREE ART EXHIBITS, CONCERTS AND THE LIKE! I NEED EVERY CENT I EARN TO PUT ME THROUGH SCHOOL!
I UNDERSTAND, JERRY! I'LL MEET YOU IN FRONT OF THE HALL!

THE WEEKS PASSED! I WAS VERY HAPPY! I WAS FALLING IN LOVE WITH JERRY, THE REAL THING! WE WERE TOGETHER AS OFTEN AS HIS JOB WOULD ALLOW US TO BE.

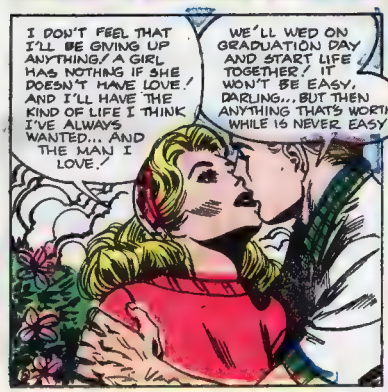

HE WANTS TO BE WITH ME. HIS KISSES ARE FILLED WITH EMOTION. YET HE'S NEVER TOLD ME HE LOVES ME! I WONDER... DOES HE REALLY LOVE ME? OR HAVE I FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THE WRONG MAN AGAIN?

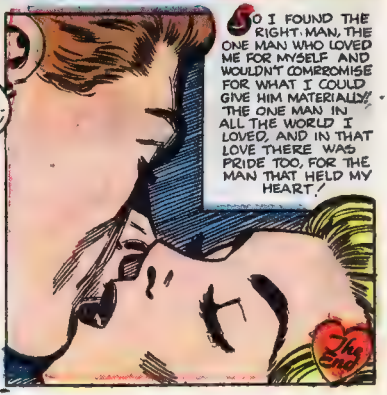

BESS, I THINK IT BEST THAT WE DON'T SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN. I CAN'T GO ON LIKE THIS... IT JUST WON'T WORK.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN. I LOVE YOU. DON'T YOU LOVE ME?


I LOVE YOU SO MUCH IT HURTS. THAT'S WHY WE MUST QUIT NOW. I MUST FINISH SCHOOL AND THEN GO INTO TEACHING. YOU SEE, BESS, YESTERDAY I FOUND OUT WHO YOU ARE... WHAT YOU STAND FOR. WE LIVE IN TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS. I INTEND TO MAKE MY OWN WAY AND THE GIRL I MARRY MUST WALK BESIDE ME AND LIVE AS I DO.


A WONDERFUL THRILL SHOT THROUGH ME. BUT I HAD BEEN DISILLUSIONED TOO OFTEN... I HAD TO MAKE SURE...
BUT JERRY... DAD HAS GREAT INFLUENCE AND AS DEAN OF A PRIVATE SCHOOL, WE'D HAVE POSITION, AND WITH MY MONEY...
THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT I DON'T WANT! THE GIRL I MARRY MUST LIVE ON WHAT I EARN, AND THAT WILL DEPEND ON MY OWN ABILITIES. SHE'LL HAVE TO LIVE THE QUIET LIFE A PROFESSOR LIVES!

I ACCEPT.
WHAT? YOU MEAN YOU'LL GIVE UP EVERYTHING... MARRY ME ON MY TERMS?


I DON'T FEEL THAT I'LL BE GIVING UP ANYTHING. A GIRL HAS NOTHING IF SHE DOESN'T HAVE LOVE. AND I'LL HAVE THE KIND OF LIFE I THINK I'VE ALWAYS WANTED... AND THE MAN I LOVE.
WE'LL WED ON GRADUATION DAY AND START LIFE TOGETHER. IT WON'T BE EASY, DARLING... BUT THEN ANYTHING THAT'S WORTHWHILE IS NEVER EASY!


SO I FOUND THE RIGHT MAN, THE ONE MAN WHO LOVED ME FOR MYSELF AND WOULDN'T COMPROMISE FOR WHAT I COULD GIVE HIM MATERIALLY. THE ONE MAN IN ALL THE WORLD I LOVED, AND IN THAT LOVE THERE WAS PRIDE TOO, FOR THE MAN THAT HELD MY HEART.
The End

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The BOY NEXT DOOR
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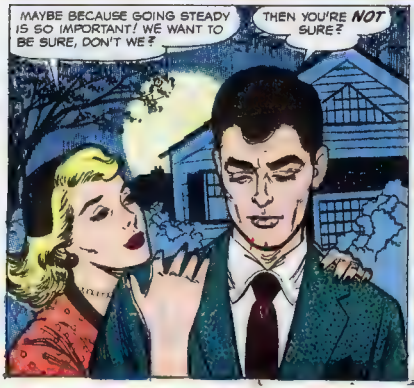
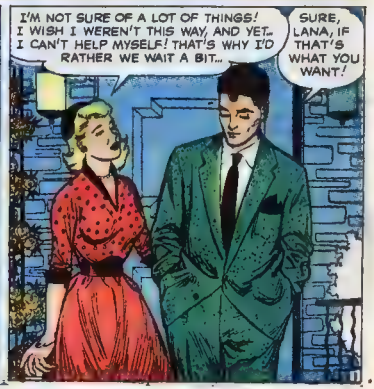
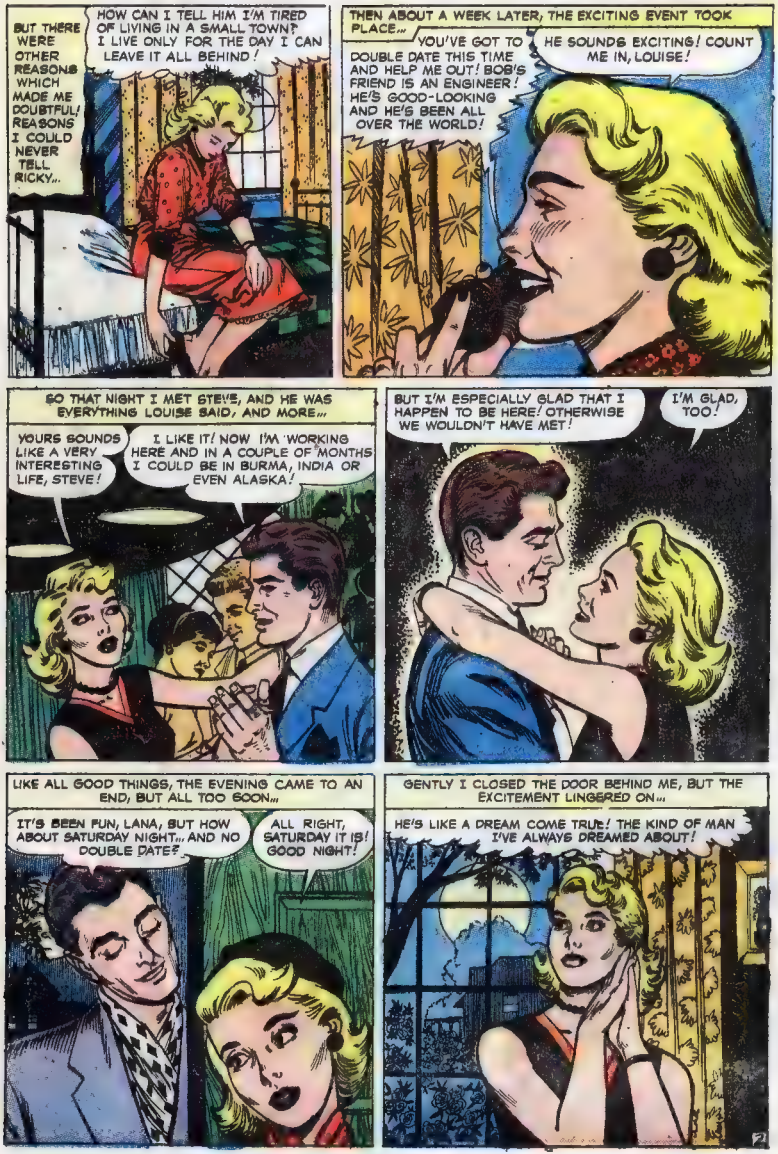
YES, RICKY, BUT NOT A VERY GOOD ONE!
YOU MIGHT SAY THAT RICKY WAS THE PROVERBIAL BOY NEXT DOOR! WE HAD KNOWN EACH OTHER SINCE CHILDHOOD, AND YET, THOUGH I KNEW THAT HE LOVED ME DEEPLY, I WAS FILLED WITH DOUBTS, AND AN UNEASINESS I COULDN'T HIDE!


MAYBE BECAUSE GOING STEADY IS SO IMPORTANT! WE WANT TO BE SURE, DON'T WE?
THEN YOU'RE NOT SURE?


I'M NOT SURE OF A LOT OF THINGS! I WISH I WEREN'T THIS WAY, AND YET... I CAN'T HELP MYSELF! THAT'S WHY I'D RATHER WE WAIT A BIT...
SURE, LANA, IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT!


BUT THERE WERE OTHER REASONS WHICH MADE ME DOUBTFUL! REASONS I COULD NEVER TELL RICKY..
HOW CAN I TELL HIM I'M TIRED OF LIVING IN A SMALL TOWN? I LIVE ONLY FOR THE DAY I CAN LEAVE IT ALL BEHIND!
THEN ABOUT A WEEK LATER, THE EXCITING EVENT TOOK PLACE...
YOU'VE GOT TO DOUBLE DATE THIS TIME AND HELP ME OUT! BOB'S FRIEND IS AN ENGINEER! HE'S GOOD-LOOKING AND HE'S BEEN ALL OVER THE WORLD!
HE SOUNDS EXCITING! COUNT ME IN, LOUISE!
SO THAT NIGHT I MET STEVE, AND HE WAS EVERYTHING LOUISE SAID, AND MORE...
YOURS SOUNDS LIKE A VERY INTERESTING LIFE, STEVE!
I LIKE IT! NOW I'M WORKING HERE AND IN A COUPLE OF MONTHS I COULD BE IN BURMA, INDIA OR EVEN ALASKA!
BUT I'M ESPECIALLY GLAD THAT I HAPPEN TO BE HERE! OTHERWISE WE WOULDN'T HAVE MET!
I'M GLAD, TOO!
LIKE ALL GOOD THINGS, THE EVENING CAME TO AN END, BUT ALL TOO SOON...
IT'S BEEN FUN, LANA, BUT HOW ABOUT SATURDAY NIGHT... AND NO DOUBLE DATE?
ALL RIGHT, SATURDAY IT IS! GOOD NIGHT!
GENTLY I CLOSED THE DOOR BEHIND ME, BUT THE EXCITEMENT LINGERED ON...
HE'S LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE! THE KIND OF MAN I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED ABOUT!

I SAW STEVE THAT SATURDAY NIGHT, AND AS THE WEEKS PASSED, WE SAW MORE AND MORE OF EACH OTHER! I WAS CAPTIVATED, CHARMED COMPLETELY, AND THEN ONE NIGHT HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS... GENTLY OUR LIPS MET!

WASN'T THIS PERFECT LOVE, I TOLD MYSELF? SURELY I WAS THE LUCKIEST GIRL ALIVE...

HAPPY, LANA?

YOU KNOW I AM, STEVE;.. AND ALL BECAUSE OF YOU!

AND WHEN I WAS ALONE, MY THOUGHTS SOARED TO THE HEIGHTS...

I *AM* LUCKY! WITH STEVE I CAN ESCAPE THIS SMALL-TOWN LIFE! WE'D TRAVEL AND THERE WOULD ALWAYS BE NEW PLACES, NEW PEOPLE... ADVENTURE WITHOUT END...

YES, I WAS EAGER, HOPEFUL, AND WHEN I SAW STEVE THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, I COULDN'T HELP HINTING AT MY RADIANT DREAM...

FROM THE VERY MOMENT WE MET, I KNEW YOU WERE GOING TO CHANGE MY LIFE! AND WHEN I THINK OF THE FUTURE, *OUR* FUTURE... IT'S ALMOST TOO MUCH!

FUTURE? I DON'T GET IT!

MY WORK'S DONE HERE BY THE END OF THIS MONTH! I'LL BE LEAVING! CHANCES ARE I'LL NEVER GET BACK THIS WAY!

BUT I THOUGHT... YOU CARED...

I LIKE YOU, LANA, I'M NOT DENYING THAT, BUT I'M NOT THE MARRYING KIND! THAT'S WHY I TAKE TRAVELING JOBS! IT'S GOOD INSURANCE AGAINST SETTLING DOWN! ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT?

LET ME GO!

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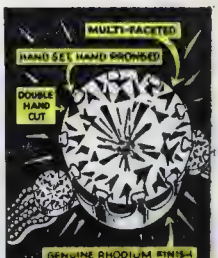

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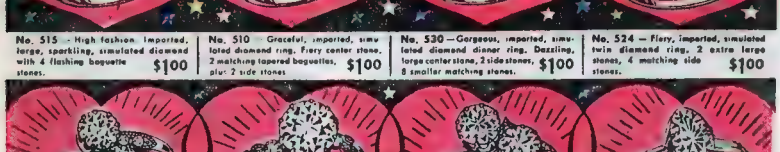

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HEY! YOU CAN'T RUN OUT ON ME!

I RAN ALL RIGHT, AND IT WAS ONLY WEEKS LATER, AS THE WOUND HEALED, THAT NEW UNDERSTANDING CAME...
WHAT A FOOL I'VE BEEN! MY HAPPINESS WAS HERE, BUT I TURNED FROM IT AND NOW I'VE LOST IT FOREVER!

BUT SUDDENLY, IN THE MIDST OF MY DESPAIR...
HI, LANA! MIND IF I STOP A WHILE?

WAS IT REALLY HAPPENING, I WONDERED? I STOOD AND TURNED, AND INSTINCTIVELY I HELD OUT MY ARMS...
OH, RICKY... CAN YOU EVER FORGIVE ME?

I LOVE YOU, LANA, AND WE WON'T TALK ABOUT THE PAST! WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE, ABOUT US?
I LOVE YOU, TOO, RICKY! I WASN'T SURE ONCE... BUT I'M SURE NOW!

AS OUR LIPS MET, I WAS SURE OF A LOT OF THINGS! THAT LIFE IN OUR SMALL TOWN WOULD NOT BE BORING, AND THAT HAPPINESS, LIKE LOVE, CAN BE FOUND ANYWHERE... AND I FOUND BOTH WITH THE BOY WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR!
The End

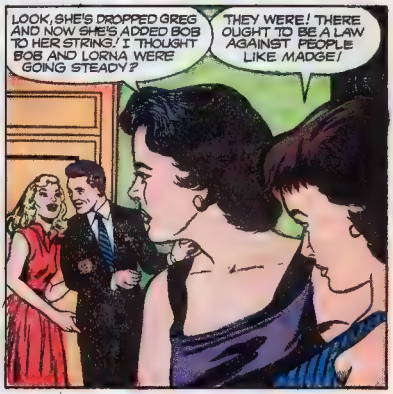
When a HEART Breaks!

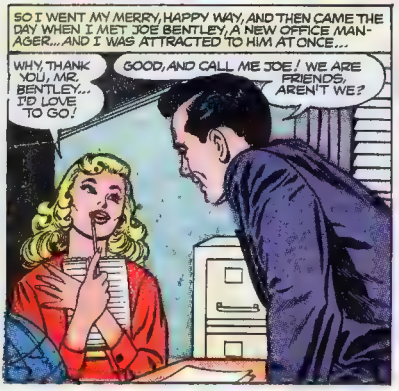
I KNEW THEY WERE WATCHING ME, BUT I DIDN'T CARE! I ALSO KNEW THAT GREG HAD BEEN DATING ANOTHER GIRL IN THE OFFICE, BUT THAT MADE THE GAME ALL THE MORE FASCINATING! TO WIN A MAN'S INTEREST WAS A CONQUEST, AND THE GREATER THE CHALLENGE, THE MORE I ENJOYED IT...
IS IT A DATE THEN, GREG?
OF COURSE! WE'LL HAVE DINNER AND THEN DANCING AFTERWARDS!
WHEN I RETURNED TO MY DESK, THEY WERE WAITING FOR ME...
YOU WERE PRETTY OBVIOUS, MADGE, AND YOU KNEW GREG HAS BEEN DATING CAROL!
DOES THAT MAKE HIM HER EXCLUSIVE PROPERTY?
BESIDES, CAN I HELP IT IF THE GUY KEEPS THROWING HIMSELF AT ME?
THAT WASN'T THE IMPRESSION WE GOT!

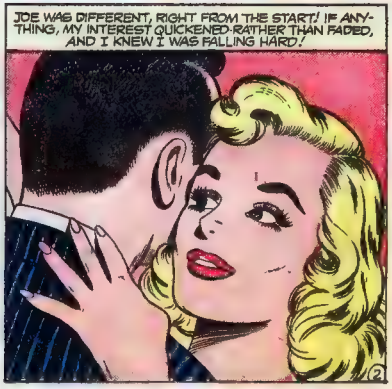
DOESN'T FAIR PLAY MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU, OR DON'T YOU CARE HOW YOU HURT OTHERS?
SUPPOSE WE DROP IT, JANE! BESIDES, IT'S NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS WHAT I DO!

SO THAT NIGHT GREG BECAME THE LATEST ADDITION TO MY STRING OF CONQUESTS...
DO YOU KNOW I BROKE A DATE TO BE WITH YOU TONIGHT?
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE, GREG, BUT I AM FLATTERED!

BUT ONCE I MADE A CONQUEST, MY INTEREST WOULD FADE QUICKLY, AND GREG WAS NO EXCEPTION...
THIS IS THE THIRD LUNCH DATE YOU TURNED DOWN, MADGE!
I'M SORRY, GREG, BUT I HAVE OTHER COMMITMENTS!


LOOK, SHE'S DROPPED GREG AND NOW SHE'S ADDED BOB TO HER STRING. I THOUGHT BOB AND LORNA WERE GOING STEADY?
THEY WERE! THERE OUGHT TO BE A LAW AGAINST PEOPLE LIKE MADGE!


SO I WENT MY MERRY, HAPPY WAY, AND THEN CAME THE DAY WHEN I MET JOE BENTLEY, A NEW OFFICE MANAGER... AND I WAS ATTRACTED TO HIM AT ONCE...
WHY, THANK YOU, MR. BENTLEY... I'D LOVE TO GO!
GOOD, AND CALL ME JOE! WE ARE FRIENDS, AREN'T WE?


JOE WAS DIFFERENT, RIGHT FROM THE START! IF ANYTHING, MY INTEREST QUICKENED RATHER THAN FADED, AND I KNEW I WAS FALLING HARD!
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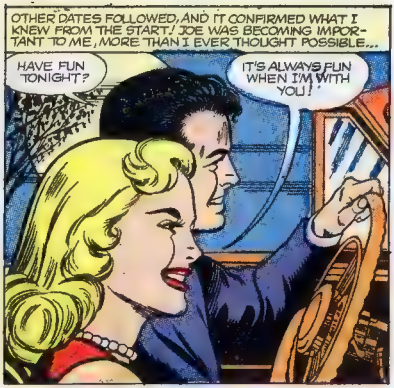
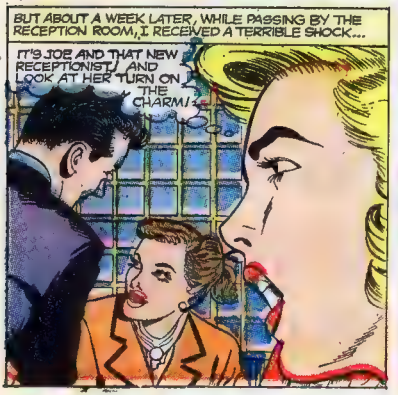
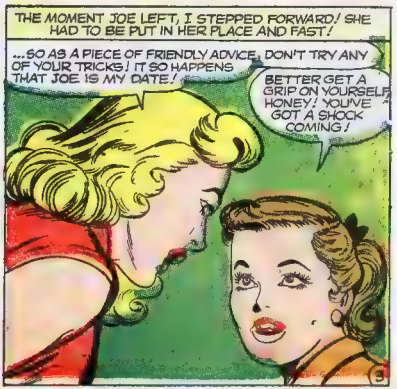

OTHER DATES FOLLOWED, AND IT CONFIRMED WHAT I KNEW FROM THE START, JOE WAS BECOMING IMPORTANT TO ME, MORE THAN I EVER THOUGHT POSSIBLE...
HAVE FUN TONIGHT?
IT'S ALWAYS FUN WHEN I'M WITH YOU!

AND HE WAS ALWAYS IN MY THOUGHTS, WHETHER TOGETHER OR APART...
I'M GLAD I DIDN'T LURE HIM AWAY FROM ANYONE! SOMEHOW IT DOES FEEL BETTER..AND MORE DECENT, TOO!

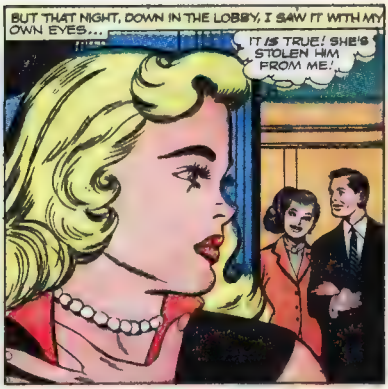
SO MY HAPPINESS CONTINUED, AND EACH TIME WE WENT OUT, THE BOND BECAME STRONGER...
IT'S NICE BEING WITH YOU, JOE, AND IT GETS NICER ALL THE TIME!
MY SENTIMENTS EXACTLY!

HE TOOK ME IN HIS ARMS, AND THEN TENDERLY OUR LIPS MET! IN THAT MOMENT, EVERYTHING IN LIFE SEEMED FULFILLED...

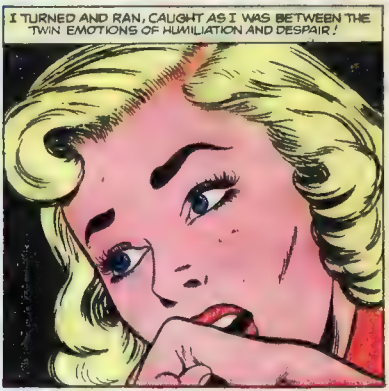

BUT ABOUT A WEEK LATER, WHILE PASSING BY THE RECEPTION ROOM, I RECEIVED A TERRIBLE SHOCK...
IT'S JOE AND THAT NEW RECEPTIONIST! AND LOOK AT HER TURN ON THE CHARM!


THE MOMENT JOE LEFT, I STEPPED FORWARD! SHE HAD TO BE PUT IN HER PLACE AND FAST!
...SO AS A PIECE OF FRIENDLY ADVICE, DON'T TRY ANY OF YOUR TRICKS! IT SO HAPPENS THAT JOE IS MY DATE!
BETTER GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF, HONEY! YOU'VE GOT A SHOCK COMING!
3

YOUR BOY FRIEND HAS INVITED ME TO A DINNER AND DANCE FOR TONIGHT, AND I ANSWERED WITH A GREAT BIG YES!
IT ISN'T TRUE! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!


BUT THAT NIGHT, DOWN IN THE LOBBY, I SAW IT WITH MY OWN EYES...
IT IS TRUE! SHE'S STOLEN HIM FROM ME!

I TURNED, AND AS FATE WOULD HAVE IT, JANE AND SUSAN STARED MY WAY! THEY HAD SEEN, TOO, AND IN THEIR SILENT STARES, I COULD SENSE THEIR THOUGHTS...
NOW THEY KNOW, THAT WHAT I HAVE DONE TO OTHERS... IS NOW HAPPENING TO ME!


I TURNED AND RAN, CAUGHT AS I WAS BETWEEN THE TWIN EMOTIONS OF HUMILIATION AND DESPAIR!

NOW I KNOW WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO HAVE ONE'S HEART BROKEN! I'VE BEEN PAID BACK, AND IN FULL MEASURE!
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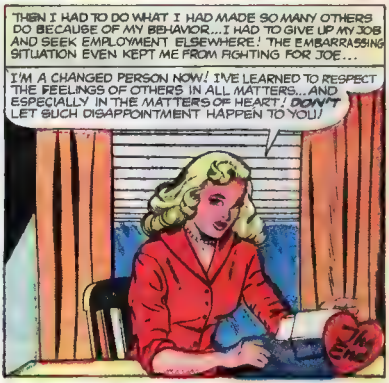
THEN I HAD TO DO WHAT I HAD MADE SO MANY OTHERS DO BECAUSE OF MY BEHAVIOR... I HAD TO GIVE UP MY JOB AND SEEK EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE! THE EMBARRASSING SITUATION EVEN KEPT ME FROM FIGHTING FOR JOE...
I'M A CHANGED PERSON NOW! I'VE LEARNED TO RESPECT THE FEELINGS OF OTHERS IN ALL MATTERS... AND ESPECIALLY IN THE MATTERS OF HEART! DON'T LET SUCH DISAPPOINTMENT HAPPEN TO YOU!
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back seat, and as they drove along the smooth ribbon of highway, little was said. From time to time, Sally would steal a glance in George's direction. He had a nice profile, with the kind of firm jaw Sally admired in a man. His hair was nice too. A good clean brown in color, and wavy without losing its masculine touch. She racked her brain trying to think of something appropriate to say, something that would interest her escort. She tried thinking back to her high school chemistry, and she remembered an experiment that combined zinc with sulphuric acid. The reason for combining them escaped her.

Did the combination produce hydrogen, she wondered, or was it something else? She was on the point of asking George, but stopped herself. How silly can one get, she scolded herself. She would have to try a different tack entirely.

"Does your work have anything to do with atomic energy?" she ventured timidly.

He grinned, a warm, friendly one. "Most people think all research chemists are connected with the atomic program, but it's not so. Chemistry today embraces almost all fields. In my case I happen to work in plastics."

"Oh," said Sally. She felt embarrassed. Now he thinks I'm as silly as all those other people, she thought glumly to herself. She looked up, and his eyes were smiling into hers. It gave her courage and she began again, a bit more hopefully.

"Then your firm must make a lot of those wonderful toys you see these days."

His laugh was spontaneous, and in a rich baritone.

"That's what most people think about plastics. It's true that a lot of it is used in toys, but my firm specializes in plastics for industrial purposes. You can't imagine how tough that stuff really is."

"I don't suppose I could," murmured Sally. It was getting worse by the minute. Everything she dreaded was coming true. It was pointless from the very start, and how she tried to make Dot see it. She and George were just not the same kind. They were as far apart as the North

and South poles. She would make one more attempt, and then . . .

She glanced his way, started to say something, but then his hand was on hers. His friendly smile beamed her way.

"Let's not talk shop," he said. "Let's talk about you. George tells me that you like square dancing, and swimming and hiking too. In a way you're a lot like me. I haven't done much square dancing, but swimming and hiking are two of my favorite sports."

"They are?" exclaimed Sally. "Why I never thought you'd have the time for such things, or the . . ." She paused with embarrassment.

"Or the interest?" he concluded.

She nodded her head in the affirmative, and then a moment later Bob had turned off the road and they were slowing down behind the other parked cars.

To one side the colored lights had been strung from the trees, and the sound of music floated their way. Some couples were already out on the floor and they swung and moved about as the piping cries of the caller urged them along at a faster pace, his voice rising and falling in sing-song tones.

It *was* strange, Sally thought to herself, as she and the others began walking toward the music. Especially his having said they were alike, and in so many ways too! The music grew louder, and then his hand found hers.

"I'll probably be pretty awkward at the beginning," he said, "but I should catch on rather quick . . . especially with such a good teacher."

In another moment, they were on the floor, whirling to the frisky tune. There was little that Sally had to show him in the way of steps. In a matter of minutes he had caught the rhythm perfectly, and their laughter rang clear and loud above the fiddles.

When they paused for some cool lemonade, the pressure of his hand on hers tightened. "How about a hike next week?" he asked.

"I'd love it," Sally replied.

As they walked back to the floor, hand in hand, Sally couldn't help thinking how wonderful everything was. They really were alike, she mused. And the more she thought of it, the more wonderful she felt.

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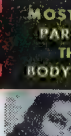

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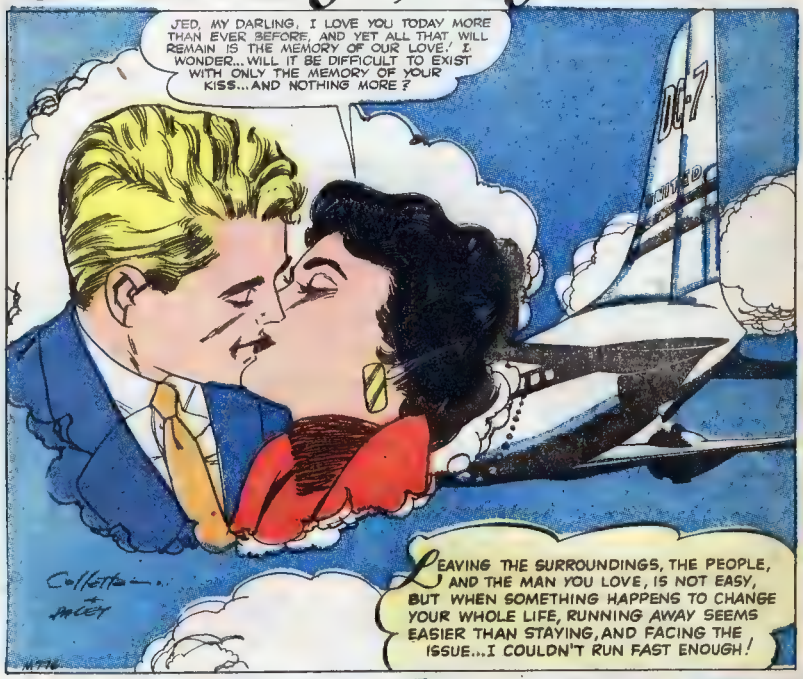
JED, MY DARLING, I LOVE YOU TODAY MORE THAN EVER BEFORE, AND YET ALL THAT WILL REMAIN IS THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVE! I WONDER...WILL IT BE DIFFICULT TO EXIST WITH ONLY THE MEMORY OF YOUR KISS...AND NOTHING MORE?
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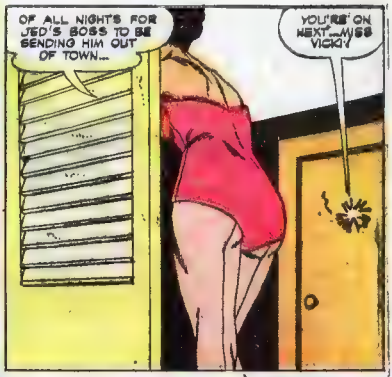
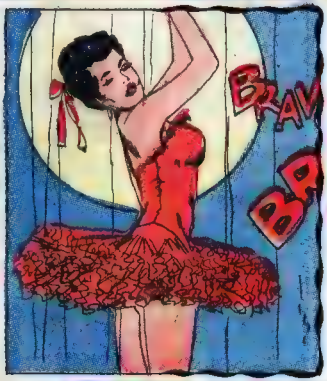
LEAVING THE SURROUNDINGS, THE PEOPLE, AND THE MAN YOU LOVE, IS NOT EASY, BUT WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENS TO CHANGE YOUR WHOLE LIFE, RUNNING AWAY SEEMS EASIER THAN STAYING, AND FACING THE ISSUE...I COULDN'T RUN FAST ENOUGH!

THE MEMORY OF MY LAST NIGHT WITH JED HAUNTED ME! AS I LEFT THE CITY I LOVED, MY MIND WANDERED BACK! IT WAS ONLY TWO WEEKS AGO...
I'LL HAVE TO BE AWAY ON BUSINESS FOR TWO WEEKS, VICKI...WHY DON'T WE GET MARRIED AS SOON AS I GET BACK?

A NIGHT TO REMEMBER...MY FIRST SOLO PERFORMANCE TOPPED BY MY FIRST PROPOSAL!
GOOD LUCK, DARLING! YOU'LL HAVE TO GIVE ME A SOLO PERFORMANCE WHEN I RETURN!


OF ALL NIGHTS FOR JED'S BOSS TO BE SENDING HIM OUT OF TOWN...
YOU'RE ON NEXT...MISS VICKY


I DANCED AS I HAD NEVER DANCED BEFORE! JED WOULD READ THE REVIEWS AND I WANTED THEM TO BE WONDERFUL...
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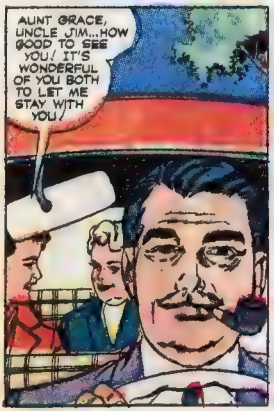
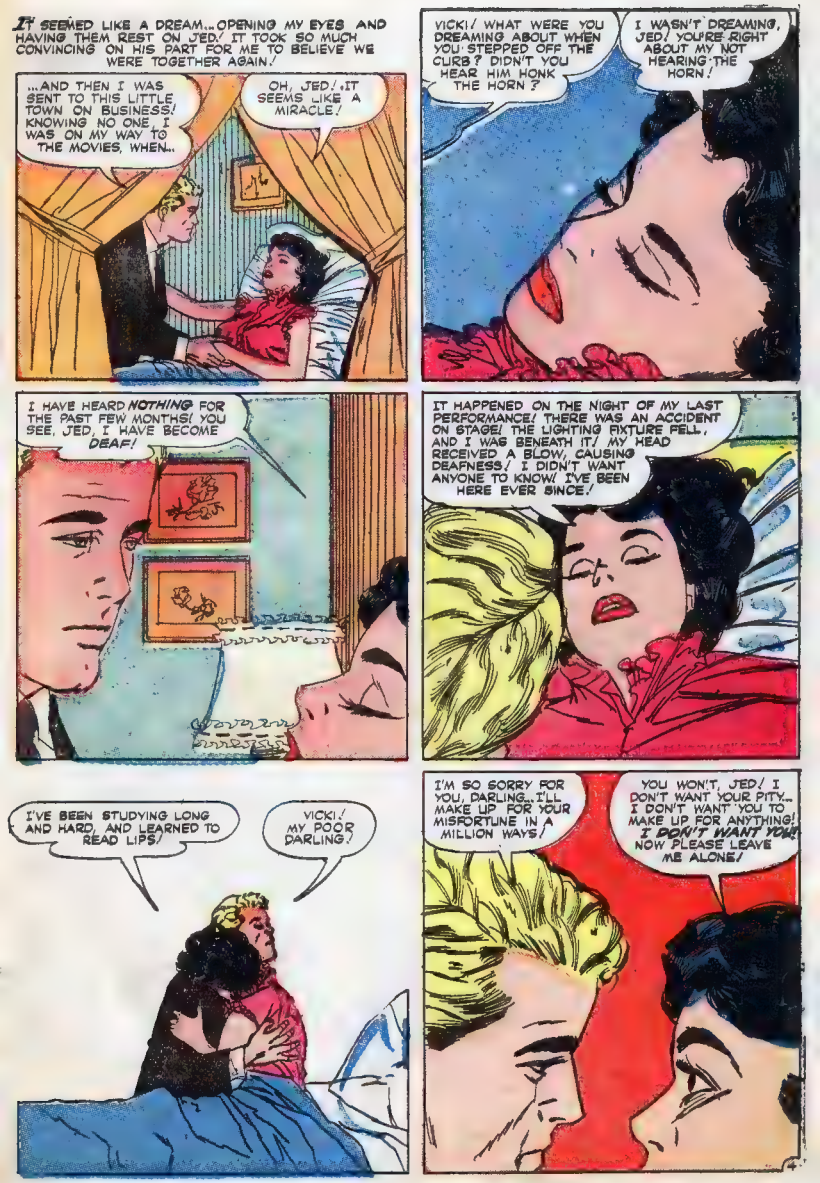
WHY CAN'T I STOP SEEING THAT EVENING? THE NIGHT I THOUGHT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL BECAME THE MOST HORRID! I MUSTN'T THINK OF IT...I MUSTN'T!

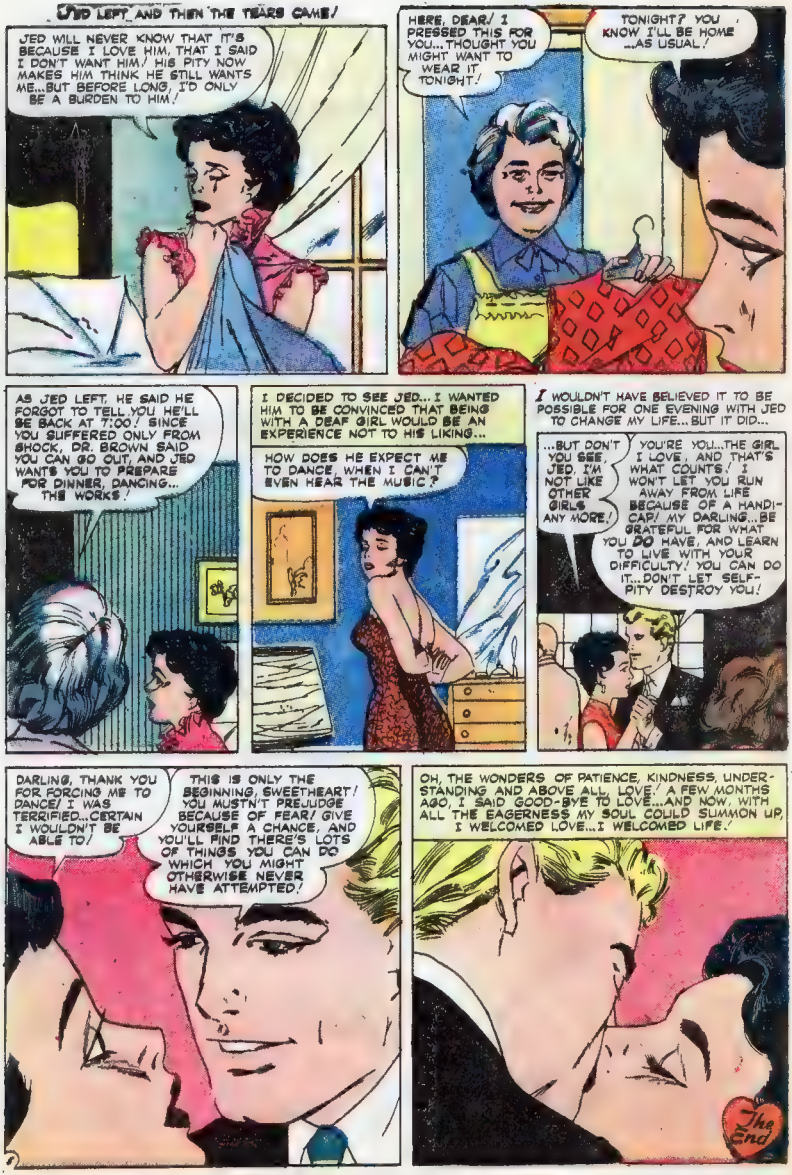

AUNT GRACE, UNCLE JIM...HOW GOOD TO SEE YOU! IT'S WONDERFUL OF YOU BOTH TO LET ME STAY WITH YOU!

I WANT YOU TO PROMISE ME SOMETHING...PLEASE DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT ME! I DON'T WANT TO MEET PEOPLE! I DON'T WANT THEM TO KNOW I'M HERE! I JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE!

POOR VICKI... I WISH SHE'D CHANGE HER ATTITUDE... SHE'LL BE SO UNHAPPY!
IT'S FOR HER TO DECIDE, GRACE! PERHAPS IN TIME, SHE'LL CHANGE HER MIND!

MONTHS FLEW BY... I RECEIVED MAIL FROM HOME REGULARLY/ THERE WAS ALWAYS THE SAME PLEA IN MOTHER'S LETTERS...
"...VICKI, DEAR, I HAVE KEPT MY PROMISE TO YOU, AND HAVE NOT TOLD JED WHY YOU LEFT, OR WHERE YOU ARE/ HE IS MISERABLE...WON'T YOU PLEASE RECONSIDER?'
NO! I WON'T CHANGE MY MIND/ I'M NO LESS MISERABLE THAN JED... BUT THIS IS THE WAY IT HAS TO BE!
I BEGAN TO DO THINGS...BUT ALONE! I WANTED PITY FROM NO ONE/ I KNEW THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT ME, AND I KNEW WHAT THEY WERE SAYING...
THAT'S THE BRANDTS' NIECE! SUCH A STRANGE GIRL... ALWAYS ALONE, AND DOESN'T TALK TO ANYONE!
WHAT A SHAME... A PRETTY GIRL LIKE THAT MOVES INTO TOWN, AND NO ONE CAN GET NEAR HER! SHE'S REFUSED ALL INVITATIONS THE PEOPLE IN TOWN HAVE EXTENDED/
MISS! LOOK OUT!
VICKI!
THE DRIVER HONKED HIS HORN AND THAT FELLA CALLED OUT TO HER! SHE MUST HAVE BEEN DREAMING! SHE NEVER EVEN HEARD HIM!
SHE'S STAYING WITH THE BRANDTS/ I'LL SHOW YOU WHERE THEY LIVE!


IT SEEMED LIKE A DREAM...OPENING MY EYES AND HAVING THEM REST ON JED! IT TOOK SO MUCH CONVINCING ON HIS PART FOR ME TO BELIEVE WE WERE TOGETHER AGAIN!
...AND THEN I WAS SENT TO THIS LITTLE TOWN ON BUSINESS! KNOWING NO ONE, I WAS ON MY WAY TO THE MOVIES, WHEN..
OH, JED!..IT SEEMS LIKE A MIRACLE!
VICKI! WHAT WERE YOU DREAMING ABOUT WHEN YOU STEPPED OFF THE CURB? DIDN'T YOU HEAR HIM HONK THE HORN?
I WASN'T DREAMING, JED! YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT MY NOT HEARING THE HORN!
I HAVE HEARD NOTHING FOR THE PAST FEW MONTHS! YOU SEE, JED, I HAVE BECOME DEAF!
IT HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT OF MY LAST PERFORMANCE! THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT ON STAGE! THE LIGHTING FIXTURE FELL, AND I WAS BENEATH IT! MY HEAD RECEIVED A BLOW, CAUSING DEAFNESS! I DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW! I'VE BEEN HERE EVER SINCE!
I'VE BEEN STUDYING LONG AND HARD, AND LEARNED TO READ LIPS!
VICKI! MY POOR DARLING!
I'M SO SORRY FOR YOU, DARLING... I'LL MAKE UP FOR YOUR MISFORTUNE IN A MILLION WAYS!
YOU WON'T, JED! I DON'T WANT YOUR PITY... I DON'T WANT YOU TO MAKE UP FOR ANYTHING! I DON'T WANT YOU! NOW PLEASE LEAVE ME ALONE!


JED LEFT, AND THEN THE TEARS CAME!
JED WILL NEVER KNOW THAT IT'S BECAUSE I LOVE HIM, THAT I SAID I DON'T WANT HIM! HIS PITY NOW MAKES HIM THINK HE STILL WANTS ME...BUT BEFORE LONG, I'D ONLY BE A BURDEN TO HIM!
HERE, DEAR! I PRESSED THIS FOR YOU...THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO WEAR IT TONIGHT!
TONIGHT? YOU KNOW I'LL BE HOME ...AS USUAL!
AS JED LEFT, HE SAID HE FORGOT TO TELL YOU HE'LL BE BACK AT 7:00! SINCE YOU SUFFERED ONLY FROM SHOCK, DR. BROWN SAID YOU CAN GO OUT, AND JED WANTS YOU TO PREPARE FOR DINNER, DANCING... THE WORKS!
I DECIDED TO SEE JED... I WANTED HIM TO BE CONVINCED THAT BEING WITH A DEAF GIRL WOULD BE AN EXPERIENCE NOT TO HIS LIKING...
HOW DOES HE EXPECT ME TO DANCE, WHEN I CAN'T EVEN HEAR THE MUSIC?
I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT TO BE POSSIBLE FOR ONE EVENING WITH JED TO CHANGE MY LIFE... BUT IT DID...
...BUT DON'T YOU SEE, JED, I'M NOT LIKE OTHER GIRLS ANY MORE!
YOU'RE YOU...THE GIRL I LOVE, AND THAT'S WHAT COUNTS! I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY FROM LIFE BECAUSE OF A HANDICAP! MY DARLING...BE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU DO HAVE, AND LEARN TO LIVE WITH YOUR DIFFICULTY! YOU CAN DO IT...DON'T LET SELF-PITY DESTROY YOU!
DARLING, THANK YOU FOR FORCING ME TO DANCE! I WAS TERRIFIED...CERTAIN I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO!
THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING, SWEETHEART! YOU MUSTN'T PREJUDGE BECAUSE OF FEAR! GIVE YOURSELF A CHANCE, AND YOU'LL FIND THERE'S LOTS OF THINGS YOU CAN DO WHICH YOU MIGHT OTHERWISE NEVER HAVE ATTEMPTED!
OH, THE WONDERS OF PATIENCE, KINDNESS, UNDERSTANDING AND ABOVE ALL, LOVE! A FEW MONTHS AGO, I SAID GOOD-BYE TO LOVE...AND NOW, WITH ALL THE EAGERNESS MY SOUL COULD SUMMON UP, I WELCOMED LOVE...I WELCOMED LIFE!
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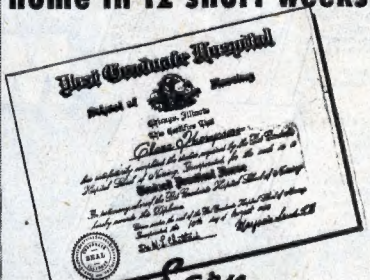

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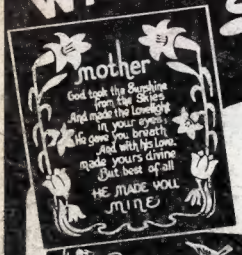

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